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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Military Information from MagdeburgEVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONT [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

1 - envelope containing Soviet documents

REMARKS

Annex forwarded to Washington.

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- [REDACTED] 1. Motor vehicle columns observed on the northern road bridge in Magdeburg between 17 and 20 April 1953 included:

17 April. Four T-43 tanks, [REDACTED] en route toward west, at 4 a.m.

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About 30 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, en route toward west, at 9 p.m.

18 April. About 20 trucks, [REDACTED] en route toward west, at 5:45 a.m.

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19 and 20 April. Intensive vehicular traffic, with empty motor vehicles en route toward east, and motor vehicles loaded with billeting equipment en route toward west.

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20 April. Five trucks, 1 [REDACTED] armored scout car and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets en route toward west at 11:30 a.m.

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At about 11 a.m. on 20 April, about 20 tanks, [REDACTED] and 5 trucks including [REDACTED] loaded with billeting equipment, and coming from the Nachrichten Kaserne were entrained at the Friedrichstadt railroad station. At about 5 p.m. on 20 April, the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Seeckt Kaserne were occupied only by rear details.

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- [REDACTED] 2. At about noon on 21 April, a train carrying 20 trucks and including [REDACTED] occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen passing through the Pothensee railroad station, proceeding toward Wolmirstedt. On 21 April, intensive vehicular traffic toward Wolmirstedt was observed in Magdeburg. The vehicles carried billeting equipment. [REDACTED]

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24 April, the Herrenkrug Kaserne, the Nachrichten Kaserne, the Seeckt Kaserne and the Zuckerburch Kaserne were occupied only by rear details. On 24 April, a train without locomotive and carrying about 20 T-43 tanks [REDACTED] was seen at the Koenigsborn railroad station. On 24 April, the former Panzerwerk Koenigsborn (tank plant) was occupied by Soviet troops.

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3. Soviet documents found at Kleiner Anger, Magdeburg, between 23 March and 2 April included:

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Comment. [] the entraining for Leasing. Heath of two tank shipments, probably of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, on 17 and 24 April. The period of time between the two dates is covered by the observations in this report, which confirms the departure of the units of the division, with the units stationed in the barracks installations east of the Elbe River leaving by road and the others by rail. The unit entrained on 20 April is fairly definitely believed to have been the 43d Gds Mecz Regt with the tank battalion from the Nachrichten Kaserne. The tanks observed on a train in Koenigsborn on 24 April, [] belonged to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The occupation by rear details of the barracks installations mentioned, on 24 April, appears credible, [] at the same time. reported the Herrenkrug Kaserne occupied by 1,000 troops.

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Comment. [] confirms the Hq 3d Gds AAA Div in Magdeburg until 19 January 1953; [] confirms the 105th Sig Regt of the Third Shock Army in Magdeburg until 19 March 1953; and [] was once reported on a letter found in Magdeburg.

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